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1. The Karácsond airport is located 120 meters south of the double-track Hatvan-Miskolc main railroad line and southwest of the Karácsond railroad station. The small town Karácsond (Q48/J24) is located approximately one kilometer north of the airport. The city of Gyöngyös is 8 km. northwest of Karácsond.
2. The airport was built during the last war; it was designed to accommodate fighter planes. From east to west it is approximately 2,000 m. long and 700 m. wide. The surface of the airport, as well as that of the surrounding area, is level ground and is covered with grass.
3. The main direction for take-offs and landings is west-northwest. An 80-meter wide runway, marked by spotlights, is laid out in this direction and permits operations after dark.
4. The predominating wind direction is west-northwest; in the winter months it is east. Climatic conditions are similar to those of the Hungarian Great Plain, namely, very hot, dry, and windless summers and moderately cold winters with frequent rains and fogs. Firm snow covers seldom last longer than 2-3 weeks.
5. The airport is not equipped with a drainage system. During the rainy season and when the snow is melting, the soil of the airfield becomes soft, handicapping operations. Only the immediate surroundings of the hangars and operational buildings are provided with a sewer system.
6. The airfield is not fenced in. The entrance is from the graveled Karácsond-Füged road, which skirts the east side of the field.
7. All installations are located in the east side of the area. There are two 80x30 m. hangars which are painted gray on the outside and have corrugated sheet iron roofs. The ground in front of the hangars is reinforced by rolled gravel in a

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width of 50 m. The doors of the hangars are of the accordion type. The living quarters are in a single-story barracks 40 m. long and 15 m. wide. Administration and operations are also housed in a single-story building. No radar facilities or a fuel dump, either above or under the ground had been seen. However, it was noticed that the planes were fueled from large Soviet tank trucks, three or four of which were always parked on the premises.

8. The field is used by the Soviet Air Force. On several occasions 15-20 two-engined, light Soviet planes were seen, which were either parked or in the air, flying either singly or in groups of four to five.
9. It is estimated that 150-200 Soviet Air Force men are occupying the field. A Soviet guard is stationed permanently at the grade crossing of the railroad line running toward Püged. In the nearby towns it has been publicly announced that civilians are forbidden to approach the airport.

Annex: Sketch-map of the Karácsond Airfield.

Legend to the sketch of the Karácsond Airfield:

1. Runway with spotlights
2. Hangars
3. Barracks building
4. Operations building

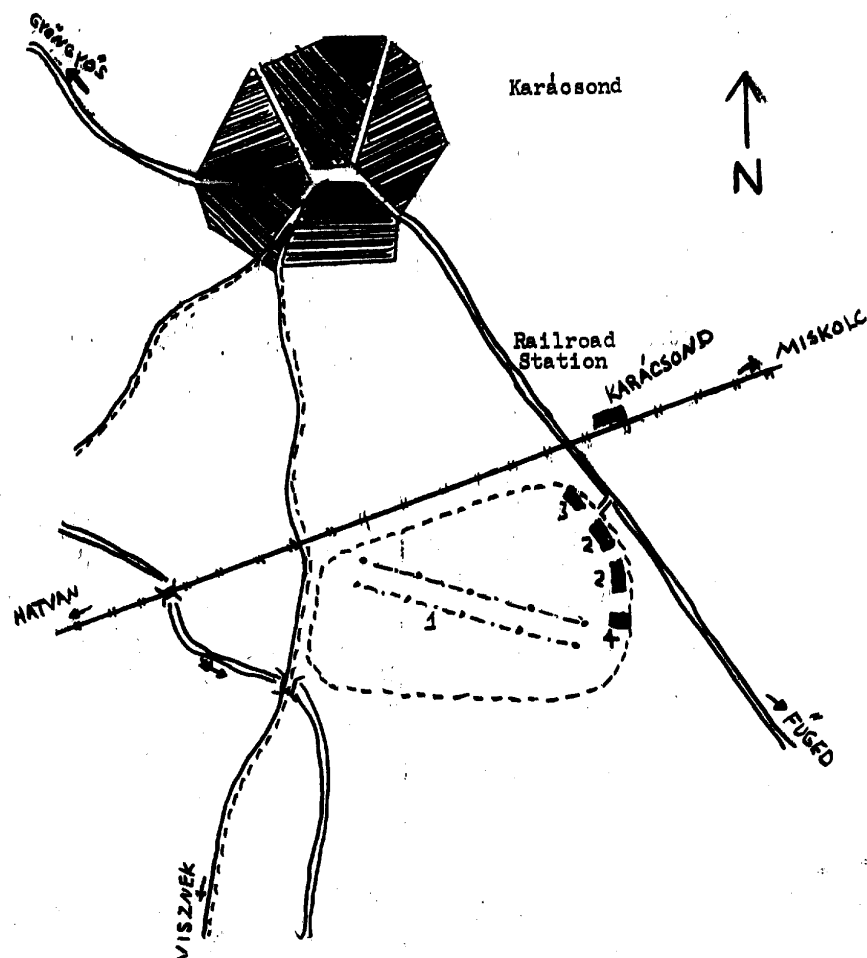
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